



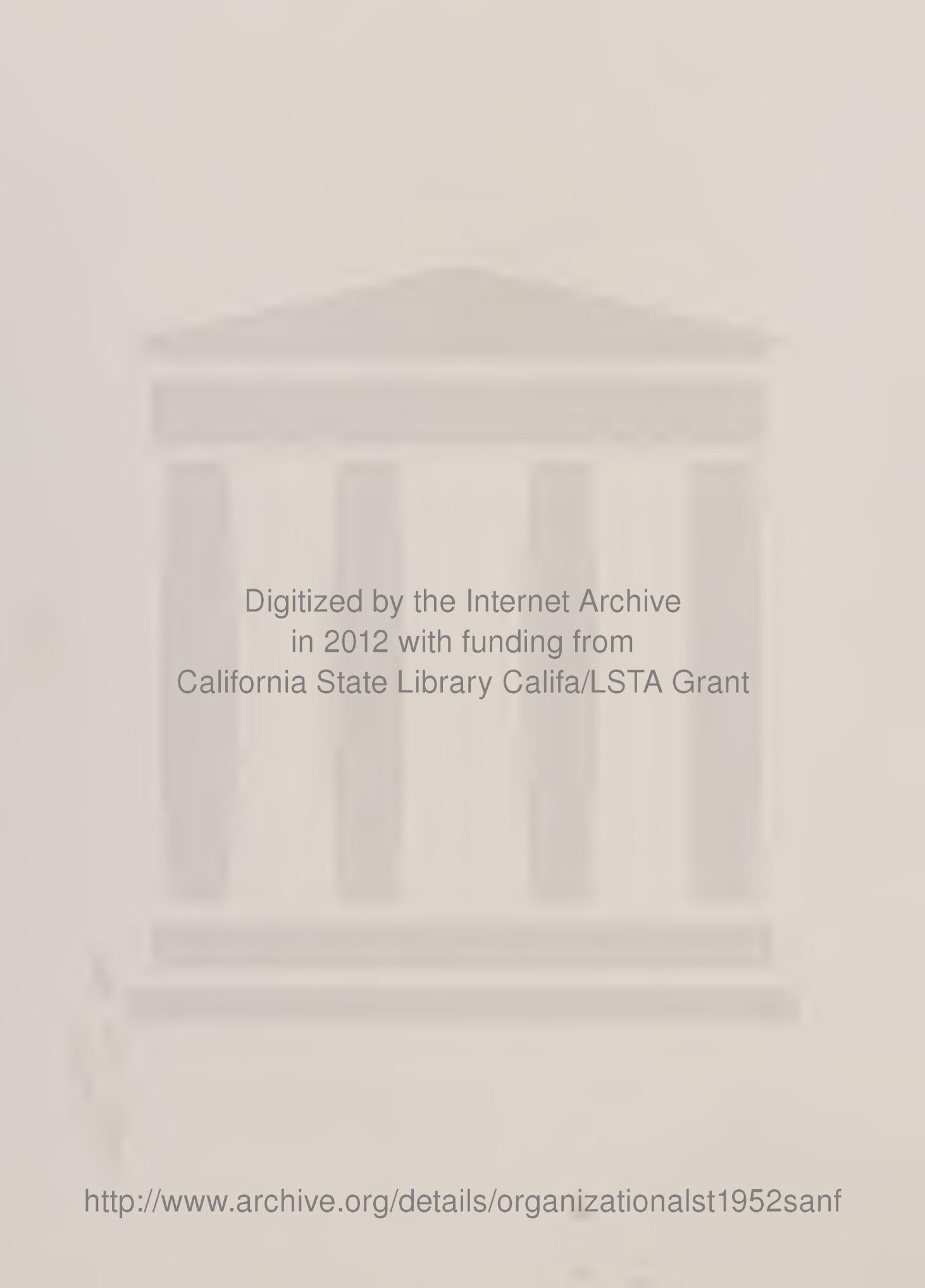
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THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE
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Under the provisions of Section 25 of the City Charter, the Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City and County and is responsible for the administration of all laws relating to the Municipality. His administration is accomplished through the judicious direction of many City Departments and the competent integration of numerous public services. Among the major services is the Police Department.

The Police Department performs an almost endless variety of public services but generally speaking all can be found to fit into one or more of the following basic functions:-

- a. Prevention of crime;
- b. Suppression of criminal activity;
- c. Apprehension of criminals;
- d. Preservation of the Peace;
- e. Regulation of conduct (non-criminal);
- f. Protection of life and property;
- g. Traffic regulation and control.

These objectives cover a broad scope; the operational methods employed to accomplish these purposes are equally as broad.

The Chief of Police, the executive officer of the Department, is appointed by the Police Commission. In turn, the Chief, subject to the approval of the Police Commission appoints the officers who head the various divisions of the Police Department.

First, I have an administrative assistant to aid me in the administration of the Department. This officer is the Deputy Chief of Police...Bernard McDonald.

The Chief of Inspectors is James English. Chief English is in charge of the Bureau of Inspectors which is one of the major line divisions of the Department. This division is charged with the investigation and clearance of all serious crimes. Chief English has under his direct command two hundred and one members. His division is organized into a number of details each of which specializes in the investigation of a particular type or category of criminal activity. He is also charged with the direction of the police laboratory and the Bureau of Identification.

Personnel assigned:

Supervisory.....	15
Inspectors.....	105
Ass't. Insp.....	19
Patrolmen.....	40
Civilians.....	22
	<u>201</u>

Specialty Details:

- Auto Theft
- Boosting
- Bunco
- Burglary (Hotel)
- Check & Bank
- General Work
- Homicide
- Missing Persons
- Pawn Shop
- Robbery
- Sex Crimes

Crime Laboratory

Bureau of Identification

Our Director of Traffic is Jack Eker. Director Eker heads a division that has four field service units and maintains administrative, planning, engineering and research sections. The field groups specialize in certain traffic functions and coordinate their activity to assure the maximum safety to the people of San Francisco while using the public streets. One unit is charged with intersection traffic control, one unit is charged with parking control (3-wheel M/C), another unit is charged with the enforcement of moving traffic violations (solo M/C) while the fourth unit investigates motor vehicle accidents. Among the supplementary functions carried on by the administrative section are such activities as the Traffic Education, Junior Traffic Control, etc..

Personnel Assigned:

Foot Traffic (intersection control)....	81
Solo M/C (Enforcement).....	52
Parking Control (3-Wheel M/C).....	68
Accident Investigation.....	81
	<u>282</u>

Activity (1951)

Accidents investigated...Traffic....	18,066	
Non-Traffic... <u>159</u>		18,225

Persons Killed.....Traffic...	83	
Non-Traffic... <u>3</u>		86

Persons Injured.....Traffic...	5,859	
Non-Traffic... <u>44</u>		5,903

Citations and Bookings..Moving Violations...	85,226	
Non-Moving Violations... <u>602,069</u>		<u>692,846</u>

Traffic Safety Checks (32 Conducted)

Total Vehicles inspected.....	47,289
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Many of the administrative tasks that are essential to the routine operation of the Police Department come under the direction of the Department Secretary. This member is responsible for the proper operation of such diverse units as the General Office, Bureau of Permits, the Accounting Bureau, the Police Arsenal and Range, the City Prison, the Supply Section and the Property Clerk.

The Department Secretary, Captain Michael Fitzpatrick, has under his direct supervision 123 members of the Department.

Among the services performed were:- (1951)

Permit Bureau:

Investigation and issuance of approximately 2000 permits

General Office:

Receipt, registration and distribution of 30,853 letters.

Answer by letter of over 32,947 inquiries

City Prison:

Prisoners processed through the City Prison

Male.....	59,671
Female.....	6,831
Total....	66,502

Property Clerk:

Properties handled (minimum valuation)

Total approximate value of property restored to owners....(evidence)....\$	28,613.42
Property identification.....	<u>118,854.94</u>
	\$147,468.36

Police Range:

A total of 3,473 members qualifying during the year 1951

The Patrol Force comprises the largest and needless ~~to say~~ the most important line division in the department. Uniformed officers are on patrol in all areas of the city twenty-four hours of the day. They represent the basic unit of police service. The patrol force is composed of 964 members distributed among nine districts or geographic areas. The Supervising Captain of Districts is the key officer of this branch of the service. It is he who supervises general patrol operations, inspects district installations and in many other ways assists the Chief of Police in bringing police service to the people.

Distribution of the patrol forces

<u>District</u>	<u>Members assigned</u>	<u>Distribution by rank</u>		
"A"	136			
"B"	109			
"C"	88	9	Captains	
"D"	116	28	Lieutenants	
"E"	151	137	Sergeants	
"F"	91	790	Patrolmen	
"G"	89	964		
"H"	93			
"I"	91			
	<u>964</u>			

In 1951 - 34,768 manhours were devoted to duty at school crossings - this represents a gross of 4,346 man days of patrol time.

S.F.P.D.

Our Director of Personnel is Captain John A. Engler. He has the important tasks of training personnel, maintaining personnel records and conducting personnel investigations. The adequacy by which the personnel function is being carried out is evidenced by the quality of current police service and by its very nature sets the pattern of future police service.

Director of Personnel John Engler has a small staff of nine members to assist him in the conduct of the Personnel Office and the routine operation of the Police Academy. When classes are in session the Director draws upon the knowledge of experienced officers for specific instruction as needed.

During the last year 43 new recruits were received and trained at the Police Academy. The recruit training course covers nine weeks. In addition several special courses were conducted to provide the specific needs of members selected for specific assignments, i.e., accident investigation, bomb reconnaissance, supervisory personnel, etc. An extensive in-service school was also conducted to provide a general refresher course including instruction in civil defense duty.

Over 208 hours were devoted to Police Reserve training in the evenings by the Academy staff.

S.F.P.D.

Today the police administrator must lean heavily upon his available department records. Director of Criminal Information, George Hippely, has performed a notable service by his judicious supervision of the records operations. He has had to perform his task with a limited personnel and an even more limited working-space. Director Hippely is in charge of the Records Room, the Statistical Bureau, the Bureau of Communications (including the telephone unit) and the Warrant Office. In all he has 40 members under his direct command.

Some appreciation of the magnitude of the service performed by this division can be gleaned from the following statistics:-

Year 1951

Radio calls transmitted to field units.....	187,388
Radio calls sent for other agencies.....	9,335
Radio messages received from patrol cars....	237,452
Teletype messages sent.....	23,109
Teletype messages received.....	69,517
Burglar and holdup alarms received and answered.....	1,471
Warrants received and processed.....	23,605
Police Reports received and processed for Part "I" Offenses.....	21,517

Next in importance is the Bureau of Special Services or as it is sometimes called the VICE division. This unit is under the command of Captain Otto Mayer and is charged with the investigation and control of commercialized vice (Prostitution, Gambling and Narcotics). These criminal activities require rather extensive investigation, resort to under-cover agents and the availability of funds by which illegal drugs, etc. can be obtained to secure evidence necessary for the proper issuances of a criminal complaint.

The Bureau of Special Services works in close harmony with the various State and Federal agencies who are also charged with control of vice conditions.

Last year, Mayor Robinson provided for the establishment of a fund for the use of investigators in the field of narcotic control and this step has been of immeasurable assistance to the department.

The Personnel of the Bureau of Special Services are presently assigned to duty as follows:

Supervision.....	2
Prostitution.....	7
Gambling.....	6
Narcotics.....	8
Total	<u>23</u>

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The Police Juvenile Bureau is under the Command of Captain John Meehan. The chief responsibility of members assigned to this division is to investigate crimes committed by the juvenile or crimes committed upon juveniles. One of the major features of this division is the direction of considerable time and energy to the matter of crime prevention. This is accomplished through preventive patrols, personal contacts between the juvenile officer, the potential delinquent and the family of the potential delinquent. Every attempt is made to promote wholesome activities in the various districts and to encourage participation in these activities by all juveniles. The Juvenile Bureau also investigates all illegal entries of school property and thefts of bicycles.

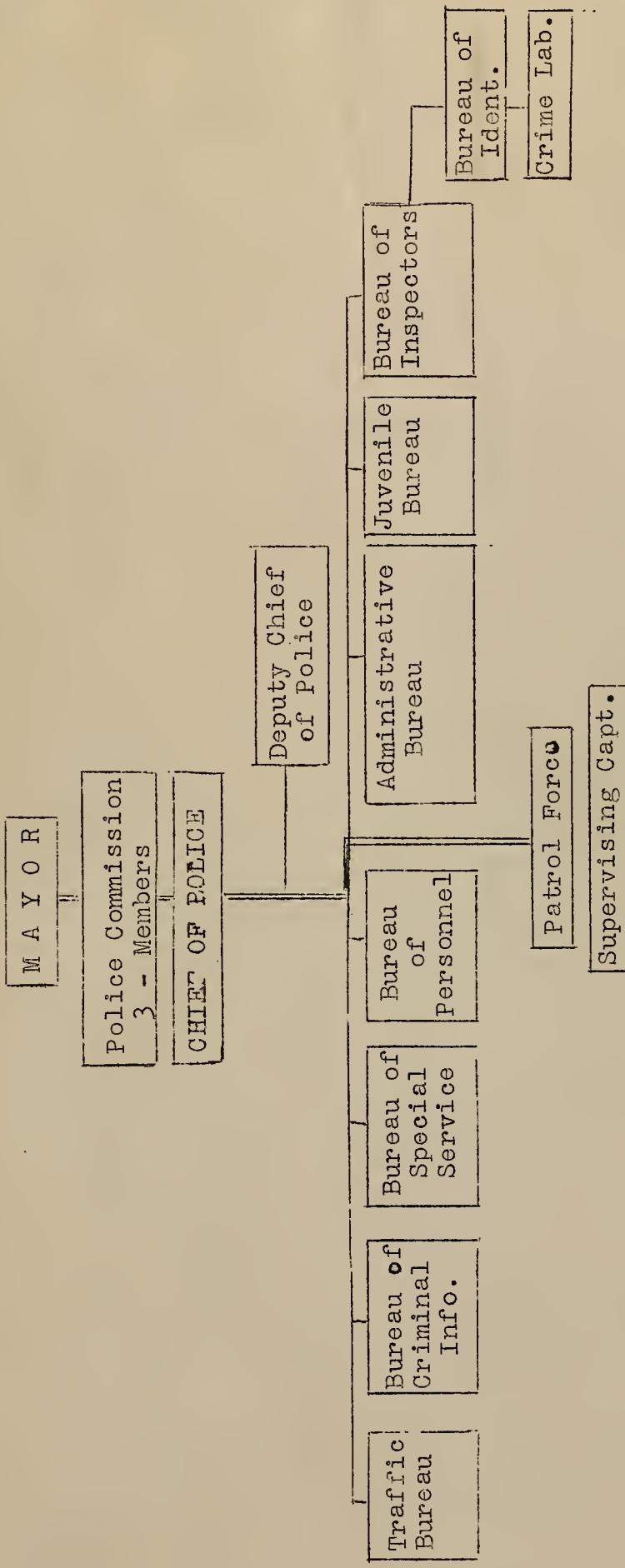
All public dances are under the supervision of members of this division to assure their proper conduct.

Personnel assigned:.....28

Dances supervised.....	1019
Bicycles reported stolen.....	736
Bicycles recovered.....	513
Group activities participated in.	474
Arrests made.....	801
Reports received and processed...	4275

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PRESENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPT.



PATROL FORCE IS DISTRIBUTED AMONG NINE DISTRICT STATIONS

This unit provides a uniform patrol twenty-four hours each day of the year. Members are assigned on the basis of ascertained need as evidenced by police records of past occurrences.

